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ON the 30th past Father Clarke, a Scotch Jesuit, received a Letter from the Marquess de la Paz, acquainting him that his Catholick Majesty having made Choice of him for his Confessour, desired him to repair immediately to St. Ildefonso; and accordingly the said Father set out the same Night in one of the King of Spain's Coaches, and arrived there the 2d Instant in the Morning. His Catholick Majesty confessed to him the same Day at Noon, and seemed to be very well pleased with him. He is near Sixty Years of Age, has been Rector of several Jesuits Colleges in Italy, particularly at Rome, from whence he came three Years ago, and was made Rector of the Scotch College here, and was the the chief Instrument in reconciling the Duke of Wharton to the Church of Rome: He was Confessour to the Count and Countess of Konigseck, since their Arrival in Spain, which (with his other Qualifications) was sufficient Recommendation for him, though not personally known to their Catholick Majesties. The Infante Don Philip and the Infanta having the Ague at St. Ildefonso, where that Distemper is very rife at present, their Catholick Majesties have resolved to come from thence to the Escurial, in a Week or ten Days. Don Nicholas Hinojosa, who in the Duke of Ripperda's Ministry was made Treasurer for Life, has been dismissed, and Don Juan Thomas Yriberi a noted Banker here is appointed in his Room, in Consideration it is said of his having found Means to advance a good Sum of Money towards paying of the Army, which is in Arrear several Months. On the 5th Instant the Duke of Bournonville went to St. Ildefonso, to receive his last Instructions for his Embassy to Vienna: He intends to set out very speedily, and to take Paris in his Way. The late Duke of Ormond returns hither To-morrow from St. Ildefonso; it is said he is to be sent as Minister of Spain to Muscovy. The Duke of Wharton is still at Caramanchel. Yesterday Prince Cellamare arrived at St. Ildefonso from Italy, and was very graciously received by their Catholick Majesties: It is reported he is to be made President of Castile. The Advice-Boat which arrived the 23d past at Cadiz from the Havana, brought Letters dated the 9th of August last, which relate, that they had no News there of Admiral Castannete, who sailed from Cadiz in May last with two Men of War for the West-Indies; that the Flota from Vera-Cruz had been in that Port since the 9th of July; and the Treasure that was on board, amounting to about 15 Millions of Pieces of Eight, had been secured in the Forts there till further Orders. The Spaniards in general are pleased with the said News, believing their Effects much safer for the present in the West-Indies, than if brought hither. Letters from Cadiz of the 1st Instant advise, that the four Spanish Men of War which lay in that Harbour, viz. the Conquistador, St. Joseph, and two Frigates of 20 Guns each, were getting ready (as it was said) to go to the West-Indies; and also that an Advice-Boat was ordered to be got ready to sail thither; That the Dutch Vice-Admiral Somelsdyck was sailed from Cadiz for Lisbon, in his Way to Holland, with four Men of War, and that the other four of his Squadron continued at Cadiz. Don Joseph Patino has sent for the chief money'd Men from hence to St. Ildefonso, to endeavour to perswade them to advance a large Sum of Money, upon making them very advantageous Offers.

The Paymaster of the several Lotteries hereby gives Notice, That he hath Money reserved in his Hands to pay off the Annuities on Benefit and Blank Tickets in the Lottery Anno 1710, which became due at Michaelmas 1726. The Principal upon the Lottery Anno 1713, to No. 62, in the 42d Course of Payment, together with all Interest due upon the said Lottery to Michaelmas 1726. The whole Principal remaining undischarged upon the Lottery 1714, and the Lottery Anno 1719.

All Persons who are willing to contract with the Commissioners for Rebuilding the Parish Church of St. Botolph Bishopsgate, for Lead and Plumbers Work for the said Church, are desired to bring their Proposals in Writing to William Territt, Clerk to the Commissioners, at his House in Hand-Alley without Bishopsgate, on or before Friday the 21st Day of October, 1726.

The Committee for Letting the City's Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London give Notice, That they intend to Lett by Lease the Place or Office of one of the Fifteen Sea-Coal-Meeters of this City, vacant by the Death of Sir Samuel Ongly, Kt. and that the said Committee will sit in the Council-Chamber of the Guildhall, London, To-morrow the 19th of October Instant, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive Proposals for the said Premises; of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforesaid.

Advertisements.

ALL Persons having any wearing Apparel, Watches, Plate, Jewels, Rings, or other Things, left in the Hands of Mrs. Mary Rozer, at the Greyhound in Houndsditch, London, lately deceased, are desired to fetch them away on or before the 31st Day of this Instant October, otherwise they will be disposed of. NB. All Persons concerned are desired to take Notice, that this is the longest Time given to fetch their Goods away.

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